



## National Service in Nevada



### MEETING COMMUNITY NEEDS IN NEVADA

More than 3,600 people of all ages and backgrounds are helping to meet local needs, strengthen communities, and increase civic engagement through national service in Nevada. Serving at more than 460 locations throughout the state, these citizens tutor and mentor children, support veterans and military families, provide health services, restore the environment, respond to disasters, increase economic opportunity, and recruit and manage volunteers.

This year, the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) will commit more than \$9,520,000 to support Nevada communities through national service initiatives. CNCS invests in cost-effective community solutions--working hand in hand with local partners to improve lives, expand economic opportunity, and engage citizens in solving problems in their communities. Serving in many of the state's most impoverished communities, CNCS provides vital support to schools, food banks, homeless shelters, community health clinics, youth centers, veterans service facilities, and other nonprofit and faith-based organizations at a time of growing demand for services. Through a unique public-private partnership, this federal investment will leverage an additional \$5,130,000 in other resources to strengthen community impact, build local support, and increase return on taxpayer dollars.

**AmeriCorps:** This year AmeriCorps will provide more than 1,000 individuals the opportunity to provide intensive, results-driven service to meet education, environmental, health, economic, and other pressing needs in communities across Nevada. Most AmeriCorps grant funding goes to the Nevada Volunteers, which in turn awards grants to nonprofit groups to respond to local needs. Most of the remainder of the grant funding is distributed by CNCS directly to multi-state and national organizations through a competitive grants process. Other individuals serve through AmeriCorps VISTA, whose members help bring individuals and communities out of poverty by serving full-time to fight illiteracy, improve health services, create businesses, and increase housing opportunities, and AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps), a 10-month, full time residential program for men and women between the ages of 18 and 24. In exchange for their service, AmeriCorps members earn an education award that can be used to pay for college or to pay back qualified student loans. Since 1994, more than 3,900 Nevada residents have served more than 4.8 million hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than \$10,050,000.

**Senior Corps:** More than 2,500 seniors in Nevada contribute their time and talents in one of three Senior Corps programs. Foster Grandparents serve one-on-one as tutors and mentors to more than 3,000 young people who have special needs. Senior Companions help more than 510 homebound seniors and other adults maintain independence in their own homes. RSVP volunteers conduct safety patrols, renovate homes, protect the environment, tutor and mentor youth, respond to natural disasters, and provide other services through more than 240 groups across Nevada.

The Corporation for National and Community Service is a federal agency that improves lives, strengthens communities, and fosters civic engagement through service and volunteering. CNCS annually engages more than five million Americans in service to meet local needs through Senior Corps, AmeriCorps, and national days of service; improves communities through the Social Innovation Fund, and leads President Obama's national call to service initiative, United We Serve. To learn more visit [NationalService.gov](http://NationalService.gov) or [Serve.gov](http://Serve.gov) or call 202-606-5000 or TTY 1-800-833-3722.

# Nevada At a Glance

	Projects	Service Locations	Participants <sup>1</sup>	Education Scholarships <sup>2</sup>	Program Funding
<b>AmeriCorps</b>					
AmeriCorps National	9	66	658	\$2,851,232	\$877,794 <sup>3</sup>
AmeriCorps State Competitive	1	5	143	\$372,436	\$613,693
AmeriCorps State Formula	6	66	175	\$624,056	\$1,459,117
AmeriCorps VISTA	12	16	46	\$257,010	\$737,702
<b>AMERICORPS TOTAL</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>1,022</b>	<b>\$4,104,734</b>	<b>\$3,688,306</b>
<b>Senior Corps</b>					
Foster Grandparent Program	2	58	259	-	\$850,087
RSVP	3	243	2,100	-	\$334,181
Senior Companion Program	2	13	228	-	\$353,078
<b>SENIOR CORPS TOTAL</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>2,587</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$1,537,346</b>
<b>Other Funding</b>					
State Commission Operations Support	1	-	-	-	\$192,988
<b>OTHER FUNDING TOTAL</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$192,988</b>
<b>PROGRAM TOTALS</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>467 <sup>4</sup></b>	<b>3,609</b>	<b>\$4,104,734</b>	<b>\$5,418,640</b>
<b>TOTAL CNCS FUNDING (including Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards)</b>					<b>\$9,523,373</b>
<b>TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT (Non-CNCS Resources)</b>					<b>\$5,137,805 <sup>5</sup></b>
<b>TOTAL CNCS FUNDING + TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT</b>					<b>\$14,661,178</b>

- Notes: The data shown represents a snapshot in time. CNCS project sites, participants, and funding change throughout the year, so the data may not reflect current conditions.
- This figure represents the number of awarded positions available to be filled in the 2013 - 2014 program year. For AmeriCorps VISTA, this represents the actual number of VISTA members in active service.
  - This figure represents the maximum potential value of Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards that can be earned by AmeriCorps members serving in Nevada. The award can be used in any state to pay for college, graduate school, vocational training, or to pay back student loans. The education award total is included in total CNCS funding.
  - AmeriCorps National figures may include national programs headquartered in the state and/or operating sites of national programs that are headquartered in other states. Funding reflects the estimated proportionate share of the national grant associated with operating sites in this report. Some national organizations do not report operating site data, or it was not available at time of publishing, so figures may not reflect current conditions.
  - The service location total may contain multiple counts of unique locations where multiple CNCS programs are operating.
  - As part of its public-private partnership approach, CNCS requires grantees to leverage additional resources to strengthen community impact and increase the return on the federal investment. This figure reflects non-CNCS cash and in-kind resources that CNCS grantees and project sponsors have committed to raise to support their programming activities across the state.



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## AmeriCorps

AmeriCorps Nevada grant funding is distributed through Nevada Volunteers, a Governor-appointed service Commission, which awards funds to local nonprofits. In 2011-12, 308 members served in 87 host site locations supporting the work of 60 Nevada nonprofit, education, or public agencies in large and small communities throughout the state. These members engaged 3,579 volunteers who donated 31,173 hours of service. Members served more than 259,930 hours making a direct impact on Nevada. Among other accomplishments, AmeriCorps members collected 336,639 pounds of food to support 14,552 Nevada families; fed seniors in rural Nevada 8,144 meals; provided 48,781 Nevada youth tools to go to college; engaged 24,863 parents with their local school district; restored or improved 4,020 acres of public land; and collected and recycled 219 tons of waste material.

## AmeriCorps NCCC

The Great Basin Institute (GBI) is an interdisciplinary field studies organization that promotes environmental research, education, and conservation throughout the West. The Nevada Conservation Corps is a program within the Great Basin Institute that enables students and young professionals to make meaningful contributions toward protecting and conserving Nevada's natural heritage. AmeriCorps NCCC teams have worked with the GBI to restore up to five miles of damaged hillside areas, transplant 1,523 shrubs and other plants, place 480 informational signs to designate established routes, install 3,300 feet of fencing, and build an informational kiosk. This work provided a significant boost to the restoration and rehabilitation of the Sand Mountain Recreation Area.

## AmeriCorps VISTA

Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada in Reno is in their first year as an AmeriCorps VISTA project. Three VISTAs are recruiting and training community volunteers to develop a Legalization and Empowerment Assistance Program for Students, which aims to improve educational and employment prospects for foreign-born youth. An example of the type of person they are helping is a student who has four siblings who are U.S. Citizens, and a mother who is a legal permanent resident. In order to apply for citizenship, this student will have to pay a \$1,000 fine. As this student wants to attend college, but has no immigration protection and no authorization to work legally, she needs help to pay this fine, and enroll in college. The VISTAs are fundraising to help this student, and others like her achieve legal permanent residency.

## Senior Corps

Only 23 percent of students at Vaughn Middle School in Reno passed their algebra proficiency exams. RSVP Volunteer Steve Burns began volunteering at the school by fixing computers, but his love of math eventually led him to tutoring at this school where 98 percent of the students qualify for free or reduced lunches. Steve now serves at the school five days a week for five class periods per day. His contributions as an RSVP volunteer have played a significant part in increasing the number of students who passed the algebra exam in 2012 to 70 percent - an enormous boost by any standard. The skills that Steve gained while working for Boeing for 33 years are now helping him to impact the lives of students in his "second career" as an RSVP volunteer.



AMERICORPS TOTALS	PARTICIPANTS	PROGRAMS/PROJECTS
CURRENT (as of March 2, 2014)	1,022	28
COMPLETED (within last 12 months)	69	11

Primary City	Program/Project Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Carson City	ESL In-Home Program Expansion (Completed) ESL In-Home Program of Northern Nevada	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Carson City	NV Rural Counties RSVP Respite Care Program (Completed) Nevada Rural Counties RSVP Inc.	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Henderson	SCA Nevada (Current) Student Conservation Association, Inc.	10	AmeriCorps National
Incline Village	Parasol Tahoe Community Foundation AmeriCorps Program (Current) Parasol Foundation	16	AmeriCorps State Formula
Las Vegas	American Red Cross NPRC - Las Vegas Region (Current) American National Red Cross DC	5	AmeriCorps National
Las Vegas	Easter Seals Nevada (Completed) Points of Light Foundation	2	AmeriCorps National
Las Vegas	Las Vegas, Inc., HFH (Current) Habitat for Humanity International, Inc.	-	AmeriCorps National
Las Vegas	SCA AmeriCorps National Direct Nevada (Current) Student Conservation Association, Inc.	-	AmeriCorps National
Las Vegas	Teach For America - Las Vegas (Current) Teach For America	428	AmeriCorps National
Las Vegas	United By Service (Current) WestCare Foundation, Inc.	-	AmeriCorps National
Las Vegas	United Way of Southern Nevada AmeriCorps Program (Current) United Way of Southern Nevada	80	AmeriCorps State Formula
Las Vegas	United Way of Southern Nevada VISTA (Current) United Way of Southern Nevada VISTA	14	AmeriCorps VISTA
Las Vegas	WestCare Foundation, Inc. (Completed) WestCare Foundation, Inc.	40	AmeriCorps National
Las Vegas	WestCare Foundation, Inc. (Completed) WestCare Foundation, Inc.	-	AmeriCorps National
Las Vegas	WestCare Nevada Formula AmeriCorps Program (Completed) WestCare Foundation, Inc.	10	AmeriCorps State Formula
Las Vegas	YouthBuild Las Vegas (Current) YouthBuild USA, Inc.	61	AmeriCorps National
Reno	American Red Cross NPRC - Northern Nevada Region (Current) American National Red Cross DC	6	AmeriCorps National
Reno	AmeriCorps Planning RBP (Completed) Reno Bike Project	-	AmeriCorps State Formula
Reno	Children's Cabinet AmeriCorps Program (Current) The Children's Cabinet	20	AmeriCorps State Formula
Reno	Enhancing Community Capacity and Individual Resiliency (Current) Board of Regents, NSHE, obo University of Nevada, Reno	3	AmeriCorps VISTA
Reno	Envirovolution (Current) Envirovolution	2	AmeriCorps VISTA
Reno	Farm to School (Current) Urban Roots Garden Classrooms	3	AmeriCorps VISTA
Reno	Helping Hands Reading Initiative (Completed) United Way of Northern Nevada and the Sierra	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Reno	LEAPS Program-Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada (Current) Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada	2	AmeriCorps VISTA
Reno	Nevada Conservation Corps (Completed) Coconino County Community Services	8	AmeriCorps National
Reno	Nevada Conservation Corps (Current) The Corps Network	148	AmeriCorps National
Reno	Nevada Conservation Corps AmeriCorps Program (Current) Great Basin Institute	143	AmeriCorps State Competitive



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Reno	Nevada Youth Empowerment Project (Current) Nevada Youth Empowerment Project	1	AmeriCorps VISTA
Reno	Path To Independence (Current) Board of Regents, NSHE, obo University of Nevada, Reno	2	AmeriCorps VISTA
Reno	Reno Bike Project (Current) Reno Bike Project	3	AmeriCorps VISTA
Reno	Ridge House Subway Shop Project (Completed) The Ridge House	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Reno	School Improvement Project Support (June 24 - July 12, 2013) Washoe County School District	9	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Reno	T.E.A.C.H. Corps (Current) Nevada Association for the Education of Young Children	10	AmeriCorps State Formula
Reno	Urban Roots FarmCorps (Current) Urban Roots Garden Classrooms	20	AmeriCorps State Formula
Reno	Volunteer Improvement Project (Current) Washoe County School District, Volunteer Services	8	AmeriCorps VISTA
Reno	Volunteers of America- Northern Nevada Capacity Building (Current) Volunteers of America Greater Sacramento & Northern Nevada	2	AmeriCorps VISTA
Reno	Washoe VISTA Program (Current) Washoe County	4	AmeriCorps VISTA
Reno	Women's Empowerment and Workforce Development Project (Current) The Launching Pad, Inc.	2	AmeriCorps VISTA
Winnemucca	Nevada Outdoor Schools AmeriCorps Program (Current) Nevada Outdoor School	29	AmeriCorps State Formula

Notes: If there are programs with identical names in separate entries, they are different grants to the same organization. If no members are shown, either the grant is for planning or technical assistance, or enrollment data was not available at the time of printing.

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# Senior Corps in Nevada



SENIOR CORPS TOTALS	PARTICIPANTS	PROGRAMS
CURRENT (as of March 2, 2014)	2,587	7
COMPLETED (within last 12 months)	0	0

Primary City	Program Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Carson City	Nevada 15 Rural Counties Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (Current) Nevada Rural Counties RSVP Inc.	1,300	RSVP
Las Vegas	Foster Grandparent Program (Current) Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada	106	Foster Grandparent Program
Las Vegas	Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (Current) Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada	300	RSVP
Las Vegas	Senior Companion Program (Current) Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada	112	Senior Companion Program
Reno	Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (Current) Board of Regents, NSHE, obo University of Nevada, Reno	500	RSVP
Sparks	Northern Nevada FGP (Current) Elvirita Lewis Forum	153	Foster Grandparent Program
Sparks	Senior Companion Program of Northern Nevada (Current) Elvirita Lewis Forum	116	Senior Companion Program

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